

Rubio Visits Israel in Wake of UN Vote for Palestinian State

JERUSALEM, Israel – U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio arrived in Israel this weekend and has met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In the meantime, some Israeli leaders are calling for the government to declare sovereignty over biblical Judea and Samaria after the United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to support a Palestinian state.

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Rubio began his trip with a visit to the Western Wall for prayer. Even after last week's Israeli strike on Hamas leaders in Qatar, a U.S. ally, Netanyahu insisted the relationship is solid.

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"My extraordinary friend, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and his wife Jeanette, I think his visit here is a testament to the durability, the strength of the Israeli-American alliance. It's as strong and as durable as the stones of the Western Wall that we just touched," Netanyahu declared.

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The U.N.'s vote in New York on Friday was 142 to 10, with 12 abstentions, to pass the Palestinian state resolution, in diplomatic speak titled, The New York Declaration on the Peaceful Settlement of the Question of Palestine.

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Ray Comfort's Defiance After Charlie Kirk's Death: 'I Will Not Fear'

The assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk has sparked an outpouring of grief, shock, and anger. In the words of Utah Governor Spencer Cox, "Our nation is broken."

The 31-year-old founder of the youth education group Turning Point USA was an outspoken Christian who leaves behind a wife and two young children.

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A massive manhunt is underway for his killer. Investigators believe the shooter, dressed in dark clothes and wearing a mask, fired one round from a high-powered rifle from a rooftop approximately 200 yards away. Two suspects were taken into custody but later released.

Authorities say the sniper is believed to have jumped off a roof and fled into a neighborhood after shooting Kirk. The suspect appeared to be of college age but has reportedly not been identified. While his motive and whereabouts are unknown, officials say they have now tracked the shooter's movements on the campus in the run-up to the assassination.



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Kirk was shot in the neck while answering questions at an outdoor rally of about 3,000 people at Utah Valley University. Terrified students ran for cover while Kirk was whisked away to a nearby hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

One witness, identified as Danielle, tearfully described what she saw. "You just see his neck just like open up and there's just like so much blood that just came out," she said. "It was horrible."

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Other eyewitnesses spoke of the shock and horror they and their children experienced. Cari Bartholomew, the state director of Utah Moms for America, had taken her 17-year-old son to the event, along with other moms and their children.

Her son was in line waiting to ask a question when the gunshot rang out, and she couldn't see how her son was impacted in that moment. "All of us, we were trying to grab the little kids and getting them as near to us as possible," she said.

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Kirk founded Turning Point USA in 2012, galvanizing Gen Z and Millennial voters to the conservative cause and helping put

President Trump in office. He spoke against antisemitism and in defense of Israel's right to defend itself in its war with Hamas. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called him "a lion-hearted friend of Israel." Kirk also spoke against abortion and LGBTQ activism.

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Thousands of Oklahoma Students Seek God in Powerful Worship, Ohio State Football Team Reaches Hundreds for Jesus

Thousands of college students turned their hearts toward Jesus over the past few days as huge ministry events kicked off the school year in Oklahoma and Ohio. These are just the latest signs of spiritual awakening as students cried out to God in praise and worship, seeking salvation and forgiveness.

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On Tuesday night, approximately 9,000 students gathered to seek God together at the University of Oklahoma's basketball arena, the Lloyd Noble Center.

The event was held by the national UniteUS movement, which has seen hundreds of baptisms and thousands of commitments to Christ since it began two years ago at Auburn University.

There is overwhelming support for banning cellphones during class time in middle and high schools. Two-thirds of Americans believe phone-free schools will help students improve their social skills, grades, and behavior.

We may also see if that happens since more students across the country face the new reality this school year of no cellphones allowed in the classroom.

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According to the Parents Television and Media Council, since last fall, more than thirty states have moved to ban or restrict cellphones in their public schools.

“Cell phones are expected to be off and away,” Virginia Beach Public School Board member Kathleen Brown told CBN News. “So, in the backpack if they’re in high school. Just off and away, not in use, not vibrating or turning on or sending messages that are going to be distracting them in the classroom and the hallways.”

States joining Virginia in these phone bans include Alabama, Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, New York, and Texas.



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In Wisconsin, where nearly every school district bans phones in

the classroom, GOP state senator Joel Kitchens told CBN News that an ongoing problem is with enforcing the rules, often due to parental complaints.

Kitchens has introduced legislation to send a clear message that school district superintendents have state law behind phone restriction policies.

"We're not doing this because we think the schools don't – we're not forcing the schools to do this," Kitchens explained. "We want to back them up and let them say, when the parents complain to them, say, 'hey, sorry, we're just following state law.' So that's really the goal that we all need to be on the same page on this."

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Experts and advocates agree that phones have led to a mental health crisis for young Americans, ranging from lack of attention and poor focus.

"We also have what some researchers have termed an attention apocalypse going on, which is kids have become so acclimated to these digital devices," said Melissa Henson of the Parents Television and Media Council.

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Some experts warn that phones are also inviting trauma and danger into the lives of kids.

Laura Derrendinger, who once worked as a public health nurse, told CBN News, "I saw the phone indeed as a vector of disease carrying toxic online content and creating disease in our children."

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Trump Highlights Case of 12-Year-Old Boy Forced to Indoctrinate Kindergartner in

Gender Ideology

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Trump held the first meeting of his new Religious Liberty Commission at the Museum of the Bible on Monday. His first initiative is protecting prayer in public schools, focusing more broadly on the issue of religious freedom for students.

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“We have to bring back religion in America, bring it back stronger than ever before,” the President said while opening the event in front of a packed audience representing different faiths.

He said his administration wants to advance religious liberty, and that as America’s 250th anniversary approaches, the nation must remember the significant role faith played from the beginning.

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Trump also invited 12-year-old Shea Encinas from California to speak about his school forcing him to read a book promoting transgender ideology, which conflicts with his Christian faith.

“Last year, in fifth grade, Shea was forced to read a book to a kindergarten student promoting a message of radical gender ideology that is contrary to his religious beliefs and ours,” Trump explained.

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Then Shea addressed the crowd, too. “I believe kids like me should be able to live our faith at school without being forced to go against what we believe,” he said. “I hope no other family has to go through what mine did.”

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